

TRULL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Trull Parish Council held in the Pearce Suite, Trull Memorial Hall,
Church Road, on Monday 17th February 2020, at 7.15pm.

Present: Mrs J Wooldridge, Mr B Pretty, Ms T Dean, Mr L Forgham, Mr N Hancock, Mr D Lindfield, Mrs A Hudson and Mrs A Clark together with approximately 4 members of the public.

In attendance: Mrs S Millard-Jones - Clerk
Cllr S Wakefield – SWT

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Vice-Chair invited comments from members of the public relating to items on the agenda or on issues to be discussed at a later date.

- 396/20 Apologies for Absence.**
Apologies of absence received from Mr A Kent, Mr S Keen and Cllr M Hill.
- 397/20 Declarations of Interest.**
None
- 398/20 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th January 2020**
Cllrs and a member of the public noted some inaccuracies in quotes used in the minutes.
RESOLVED:
This detail was edited on the draft minutes and then the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2020 were agreed and signed by the Vice-Chair.
- 399/20 Matters Arising.**
a. Hedge cutting allotments (min 359/19)
The residents have not yet been written to. This action remains outstanding.
b. VE Celebrations (min 361/19)
The Parochial Church Council and the Memorial Hall were due to meet last week, but the meeting had to be postponed until early March due to the chairman being in quarantine since travelling to Singapore. A piper has been booked to play the lament on May 8th and we are in discussion with the Historic Military Vehicle Association over their involvement with our plans for the day.
c. Human Resources Sub-Committee (min 388/20)
The clerk reported that she has been in contact with SALC but due to annual leave has not heard back as yet.
d) Any other matters arising not covered by agenda items below;
Electric Car Charging Point. Currently in discussion with the District Council over the problem we have following the withdrawal of the government grant. There is a possibility they may be able to increase the grant they have offered to allow us to go ahead.
- 400/20 Chairman's Report.**
The Vice Chair shared the Chairman's report in his absence;
Firstly, apologies were given for not attending the meeting. This was due to having just returned from a holiday in Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand where coronavirus is rife and for this reason he is in voluntary self-isolation for two weeks to make sure that him and his wife are not inadvertent carriers of the virus.

Mr A Kent was disappointed that there have been more problems on the KGV playing field with inappropriate behaviour and understands that although several local residents called the police, their response sadly was very slow. It seems that they were over stretched that night.

The Parish Council faced criticism at the last meeting for not listening to the parishioners, Mr A Kent went on to say that he believes that Trull Parish Council (TPC) are in danger of spending too much time on topical issues and not enough on the long-term issues that will affect the parish. He feels as though we should be giving more time and focus to the Comeytrove/Trull development that is due to go before the Planning Committee in mid-March for full planning permission. Mr A Kent wants TPC to be able to hold up their heads in the years to come and say that everything was done to prevent the major changes that this will impose on Trull. A 40m roundabout outside the village store; a spine road to take traffic from the A38 directly into Trull; the demolition of an ancient wall and an increase in potential flood risk.

There is concern that although The Neighbourhood Plan Team and several local residents have fought hard and have written on numerous occasions voicing concerns but this has seemingly been without any impact. The District Councillors for both Comeytrove and Bishops Hull have asked for the spine road to be an initial priority which is NOT what TPC want. What more can we do, and what should we be doing to make sure our voice is not only heard but listened to. Let's use our own District Councillors and County Councillors to help us.
- 401/20 Police Report.**
No report.
- 402/20 SCC Report.**
No report.

- 403/20** **SWT Report.**
 Cllr S Wakefield informed all that she was keeping a watchful eye on the reserved matters application at the Comeytrove/ Trull Development. She feels as though the spine road is unlikely to be the first part of the development as it is one of the most expensive elements.
 There are considerations being given to creating a 'Business District' within the town centre, this would mean an increase in business rates, but would increase the budget for advertising etc.
 Somerset County Council has announced that they want to be part of a unitary council and will lead, however, the blending has cost much more than at first was forecasted. This move is likely to increase the pressure on parish councils.
- 404/20** **Planning**
Applications for decision:
i) 42/20/0002
Application to fell one oak tree and to carry out management works to one oak tree and one field maple tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Trull No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1992 at Little Oaks, Honiton Road, Staplehay
 RESOLVED:
 To approve the application subject to Tree Preservation Order regulations.
- ii) 42/20/0001**
Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of Hunters Oak, Sweethay Lane, Sweethay, Trull
 RESOLVED:
 To approve.
- iii) 42/20/0005**
Prior notification of proposed demolition of chicken coups on land south west of Taunton
 RESOLVED:
 To add no comment but to make note that the footpath is nearby and it must be given consideration.
- 405/20** **Report on applications considered under delegated powers.**
 No report
- 406/20** **Report on decisions by SWT.**
 No report
- 407/20** **Trull Meadow update**
 The Working Group has not met since the last Parish Council meeting, but fundraising has continued and the total in gifts, pledges and loans is now well over £100K. A Business Plan is being drafted that will be discussed when the Trustees meet with the Parish Council in two weeks' time and it is expected that a formal request will be made to the Parish Council afterwards for financial support that should be on the agenda of the next parish council meeting in March.
- 408/20** **Comeytrove Urban Extension Update**
 It appears that Somerset County Council refers to this development as the Comeytrove development rather than the Trull/Comeytrove development, and have referred to discussions about moving the school to another position on the site in order to incorporate a secondary school.
 RESOLVED:
 It was agreed that a letter would be written to Frances Cully to address these points.
- 409/20** **Parish Concerns**
 A review of the letters written to the Chair took place.
 RESOLVED
 Mr L Forgham to write a response and to share with other cllrs for approval.
- 410/20** **Ring Road around Taunton Petition**
 Further details required. If relevant – to add to the next agenda.
- 411/20** **SPFA Chairman's Cup**
 TPC were invited to consider an individual for this award.
 RESOLVED:
 No recommendations were put forward.
- 412/20** **Petanque area quote**
 The PFMC have agreed to move forward with a quote for the Petanque area. It is proposed that TPC approve the quote as there is money in the budget for it. However, it was highlighted that the petanque quote put forward for approval, still means that even with funds put aside in the budget, there is a £200 deficit. There is also a concern with regards to the materials to be used in the quote put forward for approval.
 RESOLVED:
 Ms T Dean to discuss the removal of the benches on the quote and the materials according to recommendations discussed. To be discussed at the March meeting.
- 413/20** **Approval of PFMC table expenditure**

The chair of the PFMC shared the quote that had been agreed at the February meeting.

RESOLVED:

Mrs A Clark to proceed with the quote.

414/20

District Design Guide – Public Consultation

This document had been shared amongst the councillors prior to the meeting. The document sets out how the council wants to improve design quality across the area. The document looks at good design and the ways that good design and placemaking can help to reduce the harmful effects of climate change. It also shows how current principles of highway design and layout can be included in good placemaking.

RESOLVED:

To comment on the consultation document – We would like to see these ideas used on the Trull/Comeytrove Urban extensions plans. TPC appreciates the innovative approach in this draft document.

415/20

Reports on the following (if appropriate):-

a) Neighbourhood Plan

Nothing to report.

b) KGV Pavilion

Having several issues with banking at Santander. Have £3,000 held in the budget which is to be used to spend on the re-surfacing. Mrs A Clark to contact Abacus for a quote.

c) Allotments

There are concerns with a hedge that an allotment holder isn't maintaining.

RESOLVED:

Mrs J Wooldridge will speak with the allotment holder.

d) Footpaths

It was suggested that some of the excess matting left over from the playground could be used around the weir.

RESOLVED:

Mr L Forgham to research.

e) Highways

Concerns over drainage on Honiton Road.

The Meeting was paused.

Mr T Smith has concerns regarding the drain on Honiton Road and how it may cause sheet ice if it is not resolved.

The meeting was re-started

RESOLVED

Mr Hancock to speak to Highways.

f) Open Spaces

The fence which now belongs to the school is in a dangerous condition.

RESOLVED:

Mrs J Wooldridge has informed the school secretary.

g) Village Field

There have been some concerns regarding suspected sewage leaking onto the field. Wessex water have been to review the situation and thoroughly checked the drainage, and they were satisfied that there is no evidence of sewage.

Amingford Mead are not showing any signs of replacing the 75 trees as promised.

RESOLVED:

Clerk to chase.

h) Flooding

Dipford Road flooded badly on Saturday due to the heavy rain, but it cleared overnight. No vehicles were trapped.

i) Trull Village Memorial Hall

There will be a jumble sale Saturday 14th March. Cleverley Everly are playing Friday 3rd July and Party in the Park will take place Saturday 4th July. The new kitchen is in place.

j) Alms houses

The solar panels are on and the scaffolding is down. Next meeting in March.

k) Parish Charity Lands

Next Meeting is Tuesday 10th March.

l) Trull School

No report.

m) Book Exchange

Dee has now left the village, but looking to continue with the book exchange.

n) OS Working Group

No report.

p) SALC

Meeting re the Trull Meadow Wednesday 4th March.

416/20 Matters of Correspondence for Report.

- Engagement on Community Health and care Strategy in Taunton
RESOLVED:
Mrs A Clark to investigate further
- Wild Oak Lane looking will be closed from 17/02/20 for up to 5 days.
- Climate Measures Consultation - Karuna Tharmananthar asked TPC to join him in bringing about positive change.
RESOLVED:
TPC asked Karuna to return with some specific ways in which they may be able to help.
- Potential Unitary Council and the offer by the Leader SWAT to brief Parish Councils on the implications
RESOLVED:
Clerk to invite Federica to the Annual General Meeting

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Finance

a) Accounts for Payment The following bills were approved for payment

To whom	Account	Description	Total	
PCC All Saints	TPC	Room Hire 04/03/20	£18.00	
S Millard-Jones	TPC	Salary Jan/Feb	£869.43	
HMRC	TPC	PAYE/NI Jan/Feb	£28.01	
S Millard-Jones	TPC	Broadband & Telephone Jan/Feb	£25.99	
S Millard-Jones	TPC	Stamps. Envelopes & mileage	£29.54	
Water 2 Business	TPC	21/09 – 03/02	£34.37	
				£977.33
B Pretty	PFMC	Pavillion Cleaning Jan/Feb	£119.25	
A Clark	PFMC	Cleaning materials	£19.99	
EDF	PFMC	July – Dec	£428.27	
Water 2 Business	PFMC	21/08-07/02	£85.41	
				£680.93

b) Receipts Received

Allotments	TPC	£36.00
Interest Jan	TPC	£1.61
Pavillion Hire Dec-Jan	PFMC	£311.00
		£348.61

c) Any other financial matters reported to the clerk prior to the meeting

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Date of next meeting;

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16th March at 7.15pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.42.